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- 1. IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM WE NOTED PORTUGAL'S APPARENT DESIRE TO RESUME FLOUR EXPORTS TO ITS FORMER COLONIES AND ASKED FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO CONSIDER A WAIVER OF THE EXPORT LIMITATION CONTAINED IN PL 480 AGREEMENTS.
- 2. WE WERE INFORMED ON JANUARY 4 BY CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT PORTUGUESE HAD MADE FORMAL APPROACH TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ASKING FOR WAIVER OF EXPORT LIMITATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ALLOW EXPORT OF 50,000 TONS OF SOFTWHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA.

3. PORTUGUESE FY 78 TITLE I PROGRAM IS NOW UNDER REVIEW HERE. IF PORTUGAL IS IN A POSITION TO EXPORT WHEAT, IT WILL NATURALLY AFFECT OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMODITY COMPOSITION OF THAT PROGRAM. IT NOW INCLUDES

200,000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT,

THEREFORE, IF YOU WOULD OBTAIN NECESSARY DATA TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN REFTEL AND GIVE US YOUR VIEWS AS TO THE LEVEL OF WHEAT WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM. CHRISTOPHER

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